



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair
Rep. Scott H. Chew, House Vice Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Ronald Winterton
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Suzanne Harrison

Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Keven J. Stratton
Rep. Logan Wilde

Members Absent:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

Staff Present:

Mr. Steve Benard, Session Secretary
Mr. Timothy G. Dinehart, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Ivan D. Djambov, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

House Vice Chair Chew called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Senate Chair Hinkins assumed the chair.

[1-Detailed Agenda 2-5-19](#)

1 . Watershed Restoration Initiative

Mr. Ivan Djambov, Fiscal Analyst, presented details of the initiative funding.

Mr. Mike Styler, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, and Tage Flint, General Manager, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, discussed problems with Quagga Mussels.

Rep. Lyman asked a question about the ecological nature of Quagga Mussels, and Mr. Tage Flint answered.

Rep. Albrecht asked a question about Quagga Mussels and funding requests, and Mike Styler answered.

Mr. Mike Styler introduced various new department personnel and talked about the Watershed Initiative Program.

Rep. Stratton asked questions about fire frequency. Mr. Tage Flint explained the differences between state and federal lands.

2 . Forestry, Fire, and State Lands

Mr. Djambov explained the different restricted funds.

MOTION:

Rep. Barlow moved to approve the minutes for Jan 30, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.



Yeas-13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. S. Harrison
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. P. Lyman
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. L. Perry
Sen. D. Thatcher
Rep. L. Wilde

Mr. Brian Cottam, Director of the Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands, made a presentation.

Rep. Stratton asked questions regarding various fires, and Brian Cottam answered.

Rep. Kwan asked a question regarding federal funds and the time lag in receiving them, and Mr. Brian Cottam answered.

Mr. Brian Cottam discussed the Dalton Wells funding request.

3 . RFA - Catastrophic Wildfire Reduction Strategy and Business Incentive - Rep. Snider

[4-Catastrophic Wildfire Reduction Strategy and Business Incentive - Rep. Snider](#)

Rep. Snider presented a funding request.

Chair Chew commented on road availability.

Rep. Harrison asked a question about this method and if it has been done in other states. Rep. Snider explained the new approach.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question regarding logging requests, and Rep. Snider deferred due to lack of information availability.

Rep. Perry commented on the need for support of funding for logging.

Rep. Stratton commented on the need for funding in this area, and expressed his support for the needed funding.

Sen. Okerland asked for information on who makes the decisions, and Rep. Snider answered, with assistance from Brian Cottan.

Rep. Albrecht asked questions about finding loggers, and Rep. Snider answered.

4 . RFA - Bonneville Salt Flats Restoration Project - Rep. Handy

Rep. Handy presented the Salt Flats Restoration Project, with assistance from Mike Swenson, from the Specialty Equipment Market Association.

Mr. John Russell Dean, President, Save the Salt Organization, explained his role and its roots to the Bonneville Salt Flats.



Mr. Dennis Sullivan, President of the Save the Salt Utah Alliance, explained their role in using and preserving the Salt Flats.

Ms. Alyson Dean, Bonneville 200-Mile-Per-Hour Club, spoke of the Salt Flats legacy.

Mr. Mike Nish spoke of his family's legacy at the salt flats, and in favor of the funding request.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question about the salt flats mining operation, and Mr. Mike Swenson answered.

Rep. Snider asked questions regarding who will administer for state and federal funds, Mr. Mike Swenson answered.

5 . RFA - Wild Horse and Burro Economic Study - Rep. Albrecht

Rep. Albrecht presented the appropriation request, assisted by Matthew Strout, attorney for the law firm of Stirba PC.

6 . Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office

7-Public Lands, Agency Presentation

Mr. Tim Dinehart, Fiscal Analyst, presented the funding request for the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.

Ms. Kathleen Clarke, Director of the Public Land Policy Coordinating Office, presented the funding request, with the assistance of Brianne Emery, Database Coordinator, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.

Chair Hinkins asked questions, and Ms. Clarke explained the increased cost.

Rep. Kwan asked for clarification of the performance measures.

MOTION: Sen. Okerlund moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-15

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
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Rep. P. Lyman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. L. Wilde
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. S. Harrison
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. L. Perry
Sen. D. Thatcher

Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 10:51 am.